



CITY COUNCIL

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
HONOLULU, HAWAII

No. 18-274

RESOLUTION

**ESTABLISHING A SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH SAKAIMACHI, IBARAKI
PREFECTURE, JAPAN.**

WHEREAS, Resolution 91-240, as amended by Resolutions 03-52 and 12-21, establishes guidelines for the City and County of Honolulu ("City") that govern the establishment of its sister city relationships; and

WHEREAS, the guidelines provide that a sister city relationship may be established with another city that shares with Honolulu a direct historical, cultural, or ethnic relationship; offers educational and technological assistance to Honolulu's business, industries, and labor force; offers the exchange of ideas and solutions based on similarities in population size or character; or has common bonds that are mutually beneficial to the citizens of both cities; and

WHEREAS, the guidelines also provide that the number of sister cities from any one country be limited to eight; and

WHEREAS, the first organized and documented group of immigrants from Japan arrived in Honolulu Harbor on June 19, 1868 and today a substantial portion of Honolulu's population traces its roots to Japan; and

WHEREAS, to date, our City has established and maintained sister city relationships with over thirty cities, of which five are cities in Japan: Hiroshima, Naha City, Uwajima, Nagaoka, and Chigasaki City; and

WHEREAS, Sakaimachi, Japan is located on the western end of Ibaraki Prefecture, approximately 30 miles northeast of Tokyo; and

WHEREAS, for the last few years, Sakaimachi has dedicated itself to promoting friendly relations and ties with our City; and

WHEREAS, a delegation from Sakaimachi, headed by the city's Mayor and including city and tourism board officials, first visited Honolulu in February 2016 and met with the City Mayor's Office and other local entities; and

WHEREAS, this initial outreach was followed in June 2017 by the dispatch of another delegation from Sakaimachi to Honolulu, a trip that featured discussions with elected officials regarding business development and future projects; and



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WHEREAS, Sakaimachi began a practice, now ongoing, of purchasing hotel rooms in Waikiki as gifts for Japanese taxpayers who participate in their "hometown tax" program; and

WHEREAS, through a partnership with Royal Cosmetics, Sakaimachi capped off "Sakaimachi Week" by bringing the experience of traditional Japanese fireworks to the residents of Honolulu on June 4, 2017, with an impressive pyrotechnic display that lit up the sky over Waikiki; and

WHEREAS, "Sakaimachi Week" was once again celebrated in June of 2018, with another dazzling fireworks show, and Sakaimachi hopes it will continue to be celebrated in Honolulu on an ongoing basis; and

WHEREAS, officials from Sakaimachi have made multiple visits to Honolulu in 2018, including visits with the Mayor and the Mayor's Office of Economic Development, as well as with Honolulu City Council ("Council") Chair Ernest Martin; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the deepening relationship between Honolulu and Sakaimachi and Sakaimachi's contributions to Honolulu's economy, Council Chair Martin proclaimed June 4, 2018, as "Sakaimachi Day"; and

WHEREAS, the Council further formalized ties to Sakaimachi by adopting Resolution 18-187, establishing a friendship city relationship between Sakaimachi and Honolulu, on September 12, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Sakaimachi shares a multitude of common public policy goals with Honolulu, including the promotion of tourism, the development of agricultural products, and the balancing of urban development with environmental protection; and

WHEREAS, Sakaimachi has expressed its intention to continue reaching out to Honolulu through a series of events over the coming years, including business and education exchanges, cross-cultural celebrations, and other events that will facilitate the sharing of information and other lifestyle and practical values; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City and County of Honolulu finds that there are cultural and ethnic ties, common concerns, and emerging, mutually beneficial bonds connecting Sakaimachi and Honolulu that will serve as a strong foundation for a close and enduring sister city relationship, and that the guidelines and criteria for establishment of a new sister city relationship have been, and continue to be, met; now, therefore,



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BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it supports establishing a sister city relationship with Sakaimachi, Ibaraki Prefecture, Japan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to the adoption of this resolution, the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, or the Mayor's designee, is requested to prepare and enter into an agreement with the Mayor of Sakaimachi to formalize the sister city relationship; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the sister city agreement shall be consistent with the implementation policies of Resolution 91-240, as amended by Resolutions 03-52 and 12-21, which sets forth guidelines on the establishment of sister city relationships; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, the Mayor of Sakaimachi, and the Chairperson of the Council of Sakaimachi.

INTRODUCED BY:

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

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Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

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Introduced: 11/26/18 By: ERNEST MARTIN

Committee: COUNCIL

Title: RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH SAKAIMACHI, IBARAKI PREFECTURE, JAPAN.

Voting Legend: * = Aye w/Reservations

CC-329 OZAWA – REFERRAL OF RESOLUTION 18-274 FROM COMMITTEE ON BUDGET DIRECT TO COUNCIL FLOOR.

12/05/18 COUNCIL

RESOLUTION 18-274 WAS ADOPTED.

8 AYES: ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, MARTIN, MENOR, OZAWA, PINE.

1 ABSENT: ANDERSON.

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.



GLEN I. TAKAHASHI, CITY CLERK



ERNEST Y. MARTIN, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER